

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:

[0015] Figure 1 is a system block diagram illustrating an exemplary system 7 for communicating aircraft engine and aircraft information. System 7 includes a first sub-system 8 and a second sub-system 9 coupled through the Internet. Sub-system 8 is substantially similar to sub-system 9 and includes a plurality of components (not shown in Figure 1) that are identical with components (not shown in Figure 1) utilized with sub-system 9. In the exemplary embodiment, sub-system 8 is hosted by a first business entity, and sub-system 9 is hosted by a second business entity. Accordingly, sub-system 8 includes information stored stored in a first database (not shown in Figure 1) that is considered proprietary to the first business entity, and sub-system 9 includes information stored in a second database (not shown in Figure 1) that is considered proprietary to the second business entity. In one embodiment, the first business entity is an aircraft engine manufacturer, such as General Electric Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the second business entity is an aircraft manufacturer. Alternatively, the second business entity may be, but is not limited to, a business partner, a supplier, or a customer of the aircraft engine manufacturer.

On page 5, please amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] System 7, enables the first and second businesses to communicate and collaborate in a centralized, paperless environment. However, because each business entity hosts their own data on their own server and sub-system, proprietary data integrity and control is maintained. System 7 operates by creating two independently hosted web sites (not shown in Figure 1) that are synchronized to function as a collaborative web site. More specifically, system 7 coordinates the content and navigation on each business entity's server. Accordingly, the business entities agree to a common navigation structure and to common content upload rules. Furthermore, the business entities agreed agree to a common platform for maintaining user permissions across the web sites to ensure that users from each business entity have equal functionality within system 7.

On page 8, please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

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[0027] Navigation through each web page 102 and 104 is coordinated to be identical. Specifically, each web page 102 and 104 includes a navigational bar 110 that includes a plurality of hyperlinks 112 to other navigational web pages. More specifically, each business entity hosts approximately half of the navigational pages that are accessible from web pages 102 and 104, and several of the links provide access to stored data on each entities respective servers. Accordingly, data stored in a first business entity's server system database is accessible to a user browser via a second server system, or vice-versa.